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Appl. No.: 09/876,290 **Confirmation No.:** 9540**Applicant:** Yoshiyuki Yanagisawa**Filed:** June 7, 2001**TC/A.U.:** 2827**Examiner:** David E. Graybill**Docket No.:** 075834.00085**Customer No.:** 33448**AMENDMENT B**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of April 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper.